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On Monday, October 24, 2011, at 0910 hrs., the Lake County Sheriff's Office responded to State Rt. 44 at the intersection of Interstate 90 in Concord Township in response to a report of a motor vehicle injury accident. Upon arrival with the Concord Twp. Fire Dept. it was determined that two vehicles were involved.

The accident investigation along with statements of independent witnesses showed that a red 2003 Dodge Neon had been driven by Louise A. Norman, a 60 year old female from Chardon, who had attempted to turn left onto the entrance ramp of Interstate 90 west from north bound Rt. 44. Upon attempting to make the left turn, Norman failed to yield the right of way to a white 1999 International 25 foot box truck which was traveling south on Rt. 44 through this intersection. The truck was operated by Jimmie T. Holmes, a 74 year old male from Barberton, Ohio. As Norman pulled into the path of the truck, Holmes was unable to stop and collided into the passenger side of the Dodge after which the truck collided into a guardrail off the right side of the roadway. Both drivers sustained injuries.

Norman had to be extricated from her vehicle by mechanical means by the fire dept. Norman had serious visible injuries and was transported by squad to Tri-Point Hospital and then flown by Life Flight to Metro Health Medical Center in Cleveland. Holmes was also transported to Tri-Point Hospital with minor visible injuries. Both vehicles were towed from the scene. Both drivers had been wearing seatbelts and there was no evidence of alcoholic beverage consumption. Norman was listed in critical condition at Metro as of this press release. Rt. 44 south was closed for approximately 40 min. while the accident was investigated.

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